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BOOK REVIEWS.

THE CRADLE OF THE REPUBLIC: JAMESTOWN AND JAMES RIVER. By Lyon Gardiner Tyler, President of the College of William and Mary. Richmond, Va., Whittet and Shepperson, General Printers, 1900. Pp. 187.

A study of this valuable book gives one for the first time a true idea of what the settlement at Jamestown was like. Mr. Tyler has by means of a thorough examination of printed and manuscript sources, and by personal survey of the island, given us an account of how and where the first settlers in Virginia lived, and a history of the famous spot where the first town was established. This book and the works of Mr. Alexander Brown are absolutely indispensable for any real and accurate knowledge of the early history of Virginia.

A copy of the table of contents will give a better idea than any other means consistent with our space, of the value of "The Cradle of the Republic:" I. Indians along James River; II. The Island of Jamestown. The country surrounding Jamestown Island; III The English at Jamestown: (1) Summary of Political Events, (2) Burgesses at Jamestown; IV. Character of the Emigrants; V. The Fort; VI. The Church; (1) Furniture and service; (2) Tombstones on the Island; (3) List of Ministers and their biographies; VII. Block Houses; VIII. The Glass House; IX. The Governor's House; X. The State House; XI. Political Divisions; XII. Origin and History of Places Along James River; Authorities. There are also a chart of Jamestown island, made from a recent survey, and another of James river, showing the early settlements, and nineteen illustrations of Colonial houses, &c. The indexes are full and accurate.

It has been said that the profit one obtains from travel is in proportion to what knowledge he takes with him. Mr. Tyler, with a profound knowledge of our early history and topography, derived from old records and old historians, has travelled over the country of which he was to write, and has produced a book which, as has been already said, is invaluable to all students of Virginia history.

It is indeed gratifying to know that within a few years Virginia has produced such historical works as those of Tyler, Bruce and Brown.

THE SOUTHAMPTON INSURRECTION. By William Sidney Drewry, Ph. B., M. A. (University of Virginia). Honorary scholar in History, Johns-Hopkins University. *Historia * * * scribitur ad narrandum, non ad probandum.* Quintilian, xi, 31. Washington: The Neale Company, 431 Eleventh street, northwest, 1900. Pp. 201.

Mr. Drewry has taken a famous subject, but one in regard to which